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After attending the Save Bristol Bay Road Show in Denver, outdoor writer Scott Willoughby of the Denver Post wrote about the greatest summer of his life in Alaska, where "the seemingly endless wild country served as a passport to a Pandora's box of adventure."

He added: "Needless to say, the Pebble Mine proposal isn't sitting well with the massive fishing industry, given the potential for seepage into ground and surface water in the seismically active area surrounding the vital and pristine Kvichak and Nushagak rivers." Then Willoughby concluded, "There's a lot at stake in this saga — environment, economics, traditions, relationships, politics and more. But with history as a witness, rest assured that Bristol Bay won't go down without a fight."

There was good news for commercial fishermen this week. Alaska's fisheries continue to rise in value, and the fastest growing dockside revenues are pumping through Bristol Bay. Fishing earnings in Bristol Bay tallied \$170 million in 2010, a big gain from the \$100 million earned in 2005. That's a more than 40% increase.

And, Northern Dynasty CEO Ron Thiessen called the Save Our Salmon Initiative, which passed 53% – 47% by a vote of the people in the Lake & Pen Borough, "unconstitutional efforts of narrow self-interests."

Here's a round up of media. For more information go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

Great Alaskan fishery faces crippling threat

Scott Willoughby

Denver Post

It's hard to believe 20 years have passed since the greatest summer of my life. But that's the harsh reality. Certainly, there have been other contenders for the title through those years, but none that began with a backpack-loaded Jeep CJ and ended in the grand frontier of Alaska... Click here to read more

State report says Alaska commercial fisheries continue growing

Alex DeMarban

Alaska Dispatch

Alaska's fisheries continue to rise in value, according to new state Labor Department report. The dockside value of the state's fisheries reached \$1.6 billion last year, with the Aleutian and Pribilof Island region the biggest part of that at \$473 million, said a broadcast from KUCB... Click here to read more

Northern Dynasty CEO blasts anti-Pebble mine measure

Becky Bohrer

Anchorage Daily News, Victoria Advocate

An ordinance that could halt development of the Pebble gold and copper mine stems from "unconstitutional efforts of narrow self-interests" seeking to restrict development, a mining company official said. Ron Thiessen, president and CEO of Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., said Thursday that if the measure stands it would have "disastrous consequences for southwest Alaska."... Click here to read more

Alaska joins miners in bid to strike down Pebble's last hurdle

Matthew Hill

Mining Weekly

The joint venture seeking to build the giant Pebble project in Alaska on Thursday warned a municipal ordinance seeking to block the mine would have "disastrous consequences for Southwest Alaska"... Click here to read more

Trout Unlimited Pebble Mine – Save Bristol Bay Program (VIDEO)

Outdoor Summer Market

Outdoor Channel

David Bolls of Outdoor Channel talks Bristol Bay with Shoren Brown, campaign director... Click here to watch

Trout Unlimited to Show Documentary on Mining Development in Bristol Bay

Brian Soergel

Edmonds Patch

The Edmonds Chapter of Trout Unlimited will present the award-winning documentary Red Gold on Nov. 16 at 6:45 at the Edmonds Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave., Edmonds... Click here to read more

Federal legislation that could affect Pebble Mine Development

Pebble Watch

Pebble Watch is tracking three federal bills that have the potential to affect the development of the proposed Pebble Mine. Two of these bills seek to either remove or restrict the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act. The third bill seeks to provide federal funding for protecting and restoring "salmon strongholds."... Click here to read more

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